

House and Senate Praise NIH Demographic Research Programs

Both the House and Senate Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Committee reports (which accompany the underlying funding bill) include language praising demographic and economic research programs at the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). This language helps inform people outside and inside the NIH about the important role population research programs play in furthering the NIH mission to improve public health and well being.

**House Report 111-220 - DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2010**

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Demographic Research—The Committee encourages NICHD to continue its support of trans-NIH behavioral and social science research initiatives on disasters and health outcomes to develop more data on the consequences of disasters on the health of children and vulnerable groups. Further, the Committee encourages NICHD to continue its investment in large-scale data sets, such as the New Immigrant Study and National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, because of their value and accessibility to researchers worldwide. Finally, the Committee encourages NICHD to continue research on how the structure and characteristics of the work environment affect child and family health and well being and how health and well being in the early years affect health and well being later in life.

National Institute on Aging

Demographic and Economic Research- The Committee is aware that in 2010 NIA will be making five-year awards as part of its Demography of Aging Centers and Roybal Centers for Research on Applied Gerontology programs. If enough high quality applications are received, the Committee encourages the Institute, with support from its funding partners, to consider expanding the program. In addition, the Committee encourages NIA to increase the minority sample size of the Health and Retirement Study to understand the impact of the economic downturn on pre-retirees and retirees in those groups.

**Senate Report 111-066 - DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES
APPROPRIATION BILL, 2010**

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Demographic Research.-The Committee urges the NICHD to continue its support of trans-NIH behavioral and social research initiatives on disasters and health outcomes to develop more data on the consequences of natural and man-made disasters for the health of children and vulnerable groups. Further, the Committee encourages the NICHD to continue its investment in large-scale data sets, such as the New Immigrant Study and National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, because of their value and accessibility to researchers worldwide. Finally, the Committee urges the Institute to continue research on (1) how the structure and characteristics of the work environment affect child and family health and well-being and (2) how health and well-being in the early years (including before birth) affect health and well-being later in life.

National Institute on Aging

Demographic and Economic Research.-The Committee is aware that in 2010 the NIA will be making 5-year awards as part of its Demography of Aging Centers and Roybal Centers for Research on Applied Gerontology programs. The Committee urges the NIA, with support from the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research and Office of AIDS Research, to fund at least the existing number of centers, and more if possible. In addition, the Committee encourages the NIA to substantially increase the minority sample size of the Health and Retirement Study to understand the impact of the economic downturn on pre-retirees and retirees.